

The Windward

The Official Newsletter of the
Owasco Yacht Club

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FROM THE HELM

As we approach the opening of the Owasco Yacht Club for the Summer of 2000 I would like to take a minute to reflect on the past. It is the goal of the Board to make the club a place each and every member can enjoy. The budgetary constraints of the last couple of years have made this a formidable task. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of a number of people, I think that we accomplished our goal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of the people who have decided not to continue on as Board members this year. Beth Liberatore and Mary Ann Janis did an excellent job of keeping costs down in the kitchen, with the help of Nora and Diana. Then, there was the great job that Lynda Hamberger did with *The Windward*. Even with the deadlines for submission of articles having been missed time and again, Lynda's hard work on *The Windward* made it a fine, informative newsletter every time. Thanks also to the rest of the Board members who are continuing on this year.

The new season should be greeted with some needed improvements at the Club. The north pavilion retaining wall is being replaced. Improvement in the swim area will be made in the Fall, when the water level drops back down. A much-needed new range hood and fan will be installed in the kitchen. In an attempt to make the kitchen a somewhat profitable venture, we will be contracting with Dello's Trattoria as discussed at last Fall's dinner meeting.

The ice is gone, the snow also. (Some if it may come back as we all know too well). It'll be

time to get the boats back in before long. (Looking at my work schedule I won't make it in early this year).

New members and new ideas are always welcome. You may contact any Board member or me any time with the names of prospective members or any Club-related ideas. My home phone number is (315) 252-3949 and e-mail is romigh@localnet.com.

Hobie Romig

SPRING CLEAN-UP!

Hi, OYC members!

Once again Winter has taken its toll at the club. Therefore, everyone is invited to our **Annual Spring Clean-up on Sunday, May 7th**. (Rain date is Sunday, May 21st.) The official start time is **9:00 AM**, but feel free to show up anytime. Hopefully we can match last year's performance with a good member showing. Come on down and help and take the opportunity to greet some new members. Duties include: raking (bring one, please), setting out tables, installing docks, and cleaning windows. A few hours is all it should take. After working up an appetite, it will be satisfied with pizza and soda. Your efforts will be rewarded with a pleasant atmosphere for this season's enjoyment.

Thanks, and hope to see you there!

Gary Mason

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ON THE WATERFRONT

Welcome to the 2000 season. Hopefully the boating season will start as early this year as it did last. Boatlifts will be put in by April 15th. I have noticed that some lifts need some TLC so please check your hoists for any problems and make all necessary repairs beforehand. If any member is not going to keep their lift space this year please contact me. It should be noted that anyone not utilizing their lift for a whole season without subletting it to another member will forfeit their lift space for the next season. If you would like your name placed on the hoist list, please send me a dated letter by mail or e-mail requesting a space. The current hoist wait list is as follows:

1. John Harding
2. Peter Whiting
3. Mike Belz
4. Bob Faynor
5. Jack Wood
6. Mike Carbary

OYC requires that all boats, boat lifts and trailers have an OYC sticker. If you do not currently have a sticker, please contact me. In addition, no personal watercrafts are allowed on Club property. The Club provides rowboats at the north and south ends of the Club for the use of its members to provide access to moored boats. They are not to be left at moorings or boat docks. The rowboat directly south of the swim area is for lifeguard use only. Empty boat trailers may be parked only in the upper field adjacent to East Lake Road. Please remember the Club carries no insurance to cover privately owned boats and trailers; therefore, it assumes no liability for loss or damage.

The Club has ample mooring space available. It is the members' responsibility to provide and regularly inspect their own mooring systems. Members are also responsible for damage by their property to another member's property, i.e., a boat break-

ing free from its mooring and doing damage to another vessel or dock. It is recommended to carry adequate insurance coverage. The Waterfront Director must approve all new moorings. If you are need of a mooring space, or have any questions about mooring a boat, please call me at (315) 253-8125 or send an e-mail to Mbelz7497@aol.com.

Mike Belz

BEFORE THE MAST

Spring is here and the water is warming up. Does anyone know that for sure?

In case anyone doesn't know, we have five Hobie 14s at the club now compliments of a dealer in Maine. We really haven't gone through them yet to see how much work is required, but from the what we saw unloading them, I think we can get three, probably four of them on the water quickly. These are generally meant to be single-handed boats, but can be great fun for two younger (and lighter) folks.

The main goal this spring is to get the 14s ready for a Saturday session in early June to introduce the boats and get some on-the-water practice. We'll cover how to rig them, tacking tricks, and if I can be talked into it, a righting demonstration. Watch for a flyer posted at the club for details. Anyone, both young and old, is welcome.

The sailing season is really not that far off. The frost bite series will again go off without a hitch this year(!) starting the first Sunday in June. Hopefully the weather and boats will cooperate this year. Let's get those boats ready!

To kick it off a little early a few people have suggested a get-together to plan the upcoming season. I'll put together something for late April and contact the regular sailors. If anyone else is interested, send me an e-mail (jkusche@a-znet.com) or call (315) 685-7484 and I'll make sure you are included.

Jim Kusche



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THE TREASURER RINGS UP

As of Sunday, March 26, I have only heard from 56% of the members with either a partial or full payment. With only 5 days left before a \$15 late payment fee is assessed I am going to be very optimistic and think that my mail box will be full of checks for the next few days. Also as of this date we have received 6 resignations and 7 new members. I probably sound like a broken record but I can't stress enough how important it is that we know who our membership is by April 1st so that we can put together a firm budget for the year. Please, if you have overlooked your dues payment, send it right away. I thank everyone who sent their dues on time.

My second broken record is about 911 address changes and e-mail addresses. Please folks, let me know if your address has changed. Our e-mail list is a tiny bit bigger than last Fall but I know that some of you are hiding your e-mail addresses from me. Don't worry, I am not going to sell them. Please don't forget to keep me posted with any new additions or changes in your family so that our Yearbook can be as up-to-date as possible.

With the weather like it has been your thoughts must have turned to the Lake and the OYC. Please keep the OYC in mind and continue to recruit new members. You can contact me at (315) 252-6101 or at richk@relex.com. Think Spring and may we have another wonderful Summer.

Rich Knaul

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

We're looking forward to a new culinary experience with Dello's Trattoria operating the Ship's Store this year. The staff of Dello's will be looking forward to the opportunity to satisfy everyone's appetite.

Picnic lunch, anyone?

Picnic lunches will be packed by the staff at the Ship's Store for boaters and families giving a 24-hour notice to the kitchen.

Special occasion coming up?

Think of hosting your party at the clubhouse with catering available to all members.

Are the little stomachs growling?

A children's menu will be available for Friday Night Dinners.

Can't stay for the festivities?

The window will stay open for the quick-serve customers during Ladies' Luncheon and Friday Night Dinners.

Hoping to squeeze out that last bit of sunshine before having a bite to eat?

The kitchen will remain open Friday and Saturday nights until 8 PM.

Remember: The success of the kitchen depends on your patronage.

Think sunshine—it's just around the corner.

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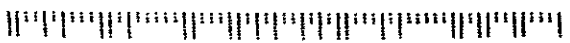
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